

## SPECIFICATION

*Please amend paragraph 0011 as follows:*

**[0011]** The values of each SF of a MFV are either all fixed values or all wildcards, as shown. Entry 130 has MFVs whose values are all non-wildcards. ~~[[Entry]]~~ Entries 132 through entry-P have groups of wildcard and non-wildcard MFVs. Each entry has an operation associated with it, e.g., in the data-networking context, filtering, i.e., drop a packet or do not drop a packet. Additional examples of an operation associated with an entry include, but are not limited to, the following, which are known in the art and thus will not be described in detail: mirroring, metering, traffic shaping, rate limiting, accounting, statistics gathering, providing quality of service (QoS), redirecting to a central processing unit (CPU) for further processing, or sampling a subset of the packets to a CPU.